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**MIAMI BEACH MAYOR DAVID DERMER RETURNED
TO OFFICE FOR THIRD TERM**

(Miami Beach, FL) - September 9, 2005 - Mayor David Dermer has been returned to office for a third term after no opponent was declared at the close of candidate filing at 5 PM today. In his previous re-election campaign, the Mayor received the greatest winning percentage in the history of the City of Miami Beach.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Miami Beach for a third term," said Dermer shortly after the deadline passed, "and I look forward to continuing the unprecedented success that we have experienced in the City of Miami Beach."

The Mayor is proud of his record of achievement. The two initiatives proposed by the Mayor at this year's State of the City Address have already been adopted. The sexual offender/predator distance separation ordinance proposed by Mayor Dermer was adopted in the City of Miami Beach in June. Since that time, over forty cities across the state and nation have adopted Miami Beach's ordinance.

Secondly, the Mayor's proposal for the City of Miami Beach Homeowner's Dividend Fund was adopted on First Reading at last night's City Commission meeting as part of the FY 2005-2006 budget. This proposal will return \$200 to every homesteaded resident within the City of Miami Beach. The Mayor commented that, "it is unheard of for a local government to actually give money back to its residents. We are doing exactly that in Miami Beach."

Mayor David Dermer was first elected as Mayor in 2001. Prior to his election he served on the City Commission from 1997-2001. Throughout his political career, he has been an advocate for historic preservation, zoning reform, campaign finance reform, ethics legislation, human rights legislation, capital infrastructure

improvement, strong fiscal stability, public safety, the expansion of open space, parks and recreation, tourism growth, as well as the preservation of the City's namesake beaches. In addition, during his tenure, the city has had the highest bond rating in its history, a forty percent increase in its reserve funds and its largest emergency preparedness fund.

The Mayor stated, "It is a wonderful time to be Mayor and work with a fine Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, and city staff. Miami Beach is one of the most successful cities in America."

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